



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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### A Good Week for Soybean Development

Warm sunny days and scattered showers allowed farmers **4.8 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 10, 2006. Sunshine and adequate moisture provided good growing conditions for second crop **soybeans**. A majority of the **corn** crop is drying down and 67 percent has matured. Early maturing fields are being harvested for grain. Harvesting of **corn** silage is progressing nicely at 79 percent harvested. This is 18 percent more than last year and 29 percent more than the five-year average. Over 30 percent of the **soybeans** are turning color and 13 percent are dropping leaves.

Vegetable harvest is almost complete for **cantaloupes, cucumbers, potatoes, snap beans**, and **watermelons**. **Apple** harvest is progressing with 53 percent harvested compared with 34 percent for the five-year average. **Hay** supplies was rated 8 percent very short, 14 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. **Pasture** is rated 8 percent very poor, 26 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 27 percent good and 3 percent excellent

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

Item		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005	
<b>Field Crops</b>		<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Corn:</b>	<b>Dent</b>	93	85	78	78	
	<b>Mature</b>	67	53	41	46	
	<b>Harvested for Grain</b>	9	3	6	8	
	<b>Corn for Silage</b>	79	65	61	50	
<b>Soybeans: Turning Color</b>		30	17	22	19	
<b>Dropping Leaves</b>		13	7	6	8	
<b>Hay</b>						
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	92	90	96	92	
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	43	41	57	43	
<b>Other Hay</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	57	50	66	67	
	<b>4th Cutting</b>	6	5	7	12	
<b>Vegetables Harvested</b>						
<b>Cantaloups</b>		92	85	97	91	
<b>Cucumbers</b>		88	80	91	84	
<b>Lima Beans</b>		79	78	72	60	
<b>Potatoes</b>		84	79	86	94	
<b>Snap Beans</b>		90	87	95	90	
<b>Sweet Corn</b>						
<b>Tomatoes</b>		93	81	84	85	
<b>Watermelons</b>		91	80	91	87	
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>						
<b>Apples</b>		53	47	56	34	
<b>SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2006</b>						
<b>Condition by Percent</b>	<b>Topsoil Moisture</b>			<b>Subsoil Moisture</b>		
	This	Last	Average	This	Last	Average
	Week	Week	2001-2005	Week	Week	2001-2005
<b>Very Short</b>	-	7	10	2	11	14
<b>Short</b>	10	21	31	24	25	25
<b>Adequate</b>	76	60	51	70	59	56
<b>Surplus</b>	14	12	8	4	5	6

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.78	27.24	-1.60	84	58	69	-3
Frederick	1.44	28.38	0.83	84	55	68	2
Frostburg	0.49	25.59	-8.49	76	50	62	-2
Hagerstown	0.24	23.97	-3.18	82	55	68	-2
Mechanicsville	2.10	34.82	2.84	81	57	68	-3
Patuxent River	1.91	26.68	-3.21	80	60	70	-1
Ocean City	1.86	25.04	-7.58	79	57	69	-3
Salisbury	0.61	31.44	-1.34	83	54	69	-3
Sharpsburg	1.75	30.35	2.80	81	54	67	0
Stevensville	1.73	30.70	1.11	83	58	69	-3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.77	34.16	6.92	85	61	71	-4
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	1.50	28.58	-2.51	82	59	70	-3
Georgetown	0.83	30.85	-0.96	82	58	69	-2
Wilmington	1.89	34.53	5.60	82	57	69	-3

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.  
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